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MEMORANDUM FOR Commanding General, U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence, 1 Karker Street, Fort Benning, Georgia 31905-5000

SUBJECT: Request Approval to Sponsor the 2018 Lacerda Cup as part of MCoE's Infantry Week, 14-17 April 2018, Fort Benning, Georgia

1. References:

- a. Army Regulation 1-50, Army Conference Policy, 24 August 2017.
- b. TRADOC Policy Letter 16, TRADOC Conference and Competition Event Policy, 15 August 2016.

2. Purpose. The Infantry Proponent requests approval to sponsor the 2018 Lacerda Cup as part of MCoE's Infantry Week, 14-17 April 2018 (travel days 13 and 18 April) at Fort Benning, Georgia.

3. Justification. The MCoE plans to use the 2018 Lacerda Cup to demonstrate doctrinal standards for combatives training events in accordance with Training Circular (TC) 3-25.150 and provide a venue to create dialogue on combatives trends and lessons learned. Furthermore, this event promotes an atmosphere of excellence within the force by providing an opportunity for the Army to recognize outstanding achievement in combatives performance and training skills.

- a. Attendance at the event is demonstrably beneficial and appropriately related to the attendees' official duties, as it offers a venue to model updated combatives doctrine and demonstrate implementation. Attendance supports FORSCOM Command Training Guidance – Fiscal Year (FY) 2017, and provides the opportunity to integrate new training strategies into the Combatives Master Trainer Course Program of Instruction.

- b. This event allows the U.S. Army Combatives Course (USACC) to model the standard execution of competitive training events to the force and distances U.S. Army Combatives from other types of fighting competitions. The MCoE Directorate of Training and Doctrine (DOTD) update to TC 3-25.150 emphasizes safety, standardizes combatives competitive training event execution, and enhances individual training

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techniques. TC 3-25.150 also directs competitive training event execution to include a tactical scenario.

c. The FORSCOM Command Training Guidance – FY 2017 directs “Commanders to leverage competitive events and environments to build Soldier readiness and team building.” The 2018 Lacerda Cup provides the MCoE's contribution to the FORSCOM Commander's training requirements.

d. The competitive training event provides the USACC Cadre the opportunity to integrate new training strategies and tactics. The Cadre will require each team to submit a training plan as part of the event registration. The USACC Cadre and Infantry Proponent will use the top performing teams' training plans to refine the Combatives Master Training Course Program of Instruction.

3. Cost-Benefit Analysis. The Infantry Proponent projects the costs for the 2018 Lacerda Cup at \$92,796.00 consisting primarily of travel and per diem expenses. The MCoE and TRADOC will incur no direct travel or per diem costs.

a. Currently, the Army lacks a virtual or constructive capability to replicate combatives. The 2018 Lacerda Cup consists of critical combat skills combined with realistic fighting ability. Combatives requires physical interaction between Soldiers. Therefore, conducting the 2018 Lacerda Cup through correspondence, teleconferencing, or web-based communications remains impossible.

b. The 2018 Lacerda Cup ensures the optimization of U.S. Army Combatives Course doctrine, training, organization, and materiel resourcing. This expenditure mitigates home station medical costs incurred by improper execution of combatives techniques.

4. Analysis for Location Selection. The Infantry School remains the proponent for the U.S. Army Combatives Program. Therefore, the appropriate location for the 2018 Lacerda Cup remains Fort Benning, Georgia.

a. The 2018 Lacerda Cup is an unclassified event historically conducted on Fort Benning. Fort Benning also hosts the U.S. Combatives Master Trainer Course. Installation support personnel are experts concerning safety and requirements to support combatives operations.

b. The MCoE considered multiple locations for the 2018 Lacerda Cup to include the Smith Fitness Center and the Columbus Iron Works. The MCoE assessed Freedom Hall on Fort Benning as the most cost-effective, operationally desirable, and supportable location for the 2018 Lacerda Cup.

5. Attendees. The MCoE does not direct 2018 Lacerda Cup attendance. Divisions select and fund their participants. Participating teams consist of eight personnel (one

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participant per each of the eight weight classes). The MCoE allocates 19 teams with 8 members each (152 participants) and up to 19 coaches (one per team). This event is open to all service members assigned to Active Duty and Reserve Component units. In order to compete in the combatives training event, Soldiers must place 1ST, 2ND, or 3RD (ALT) in their installation training events. Installation training events must be executed using intermediate rules.

Team Allocations supported by Army Funds:

- a. 11 x Active Duty Divisions/Commands
- b. 5 x Separate Brigades/Regiments/Battalions
- c. 2 x USASOC (SF Groups and 75th Ranger Regiment)
- d. 1 x National Guard/Army Reserves

The MCoE will consider additional teams if initial registration fails to reach 15.

Number of US Army Competitors and Coaches	171
Number of Civilian or Joint Competitors and Coaches	0
Number of foreign government attendees	0
Number of Command Team Reps (Estimate)	0
Guest Speaker	0
GRAND TOTAL	171
Number of local support cadre	35
Number of local spectators	200
Number of Army funded attendees (Command Teams and Competitors/Coaches)	171
Projected Number of US Competitors and Coaches located within 500 miles (101 st ID, 3 rd ID, 82 nd ID, and 75 th RGT)	36

6. Security. The Army Combatives Training Event is unclassified and will not contain any classified information or material. The Conference Proponent Security Officer is Major Joseph LaBranche, at commercial 706-545-6324, or e-mail: joseph.m.labranche.civ@mail.mil. The MCoE G-2 representative is Mr. Matt Bonham, commercial 706-545-7418, or e-mail: matthew.bonham.civ@mail.mil.

7. Funding and Contracts. Participating units will pay all travel and equipment costs associated with team participation in the Lacerda Cup. The MCoE will pay for miscellaneous supplies, emergency medical services, and MWR manpower overtime costs at Freedom Hall.

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8. Meals and Incidental Expenses (M&IE). Meals will be provided at Government expense in lieu of per diem.
9. Refreshments. No refreshments will be provided at Government expense.
10. Fees. No event registration fee or exhibitor (vendor) fee will be collected for this event.
11. Honoraria or Speaker Fees. No honorariums or speaker fees will be paid.
12. Estimated Army Costs.

Expense	Estimated Cost	Remarks/Calculations
<i>Travel Costs</i>		
Lodging costs at Fort Benning	\$0	Barracks provided for all competitors & coaches
M&IE costs for attendees	\$	See enclosure 2 for details
Travel costs for attendees	\$	See enclosure 2 for details
Total Travel Costs	\$ 84,439	
<i>Hosting Costs</i>		
Space rental costs	\$750	\$50 (Freedom Hall overtime) x 15 hours = \$750
Printing or reproduction costs	\$500	Parking area, holding area, & direction signage
Standard supplies	\$1,500	Class VIII-medical supplies, cleaning supplies, training event specific re-usable Personal Protective Gear (PPE), & administrative supplies
Other costs (EMS)	\$2,367	2 Paramedics x 36 hours x \$33 per hour = \$2,400
Combative supplies	\$10,200.00	Safety equipment & material required for competitors
Total Hosting Costs	\$ 15,317	

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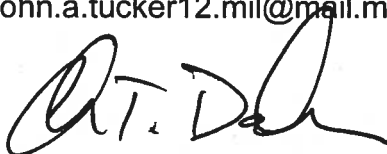
<i>Audiovisual Costs</i>	
Audiovisual Costs	\$ 0
<i>Food and Beverage Costs</i>	
Food and Beverages	\$ 0
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 99,756.00
Revenue	\$ 0
TOTAL COSTS	\$ 99,756.00

13. Estimated Other DoD Costs. None

14. Reporting Requirement. I acknowledge that an initial report must be completed within five business days of approval using the Army Conference Reporting and Tracking Tool (ACRTT), and the final ACRTT report must be completed within 25 days of the conclusion of the Lacerda Cup.

15. Certification. I certify that the U.S. Army 2018 Lacerda Cup is mission-critical and necessary for Army operations and programs, that only the minimum number of event participants necessary to accomplish the mission will be invited, and that the event cannot be satisfactorily accomplished less expensively by correspondence, teleconferencing, web-based communications, or other appropriate means.

16. The point of contact is CPT Jack Tucker, Commander, E Co, 1-29 IN, 316 CAV BDE, commercial 706-544-6495, or e-mail: john.a.tucker12.mil@mail.mil.



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